

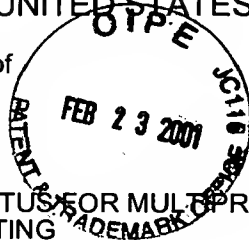
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
 Inventor(s): **HEGDE, Gopal D.**
 Appln. No.: 09/058,335
 Filed: April 10, 1998
 Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTIPROTOCOL
 SWITCHING AND ROUTING**

Group Art Unit: 2739
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3. Independent Claims	6	minus 6 =	0	x \$78/\$39 =	+00.00	102/202
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6. Petition is hereby made to extend the due date to cover the date this response is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed			1 mo \$110 / \$55 2mos \$380 / \$190 3mos \$870 / \$435 =		\$ 00.00	115/215 116/216 117/217
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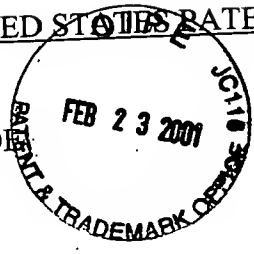
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Reply to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2000, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for forwarding packets between ports, said ports associated with hosts having one or more of a layer 2 address, a layer 3 address and a socket number, said apparatus comprising:

a flow table having a plurality of records;

a switch module coupled to said ports and said flow table, said switch module

comprising:

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